

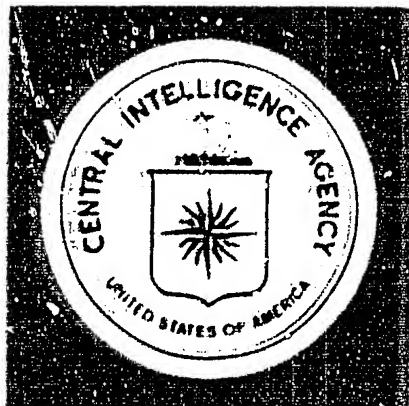
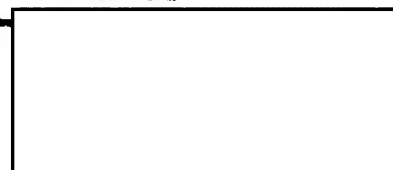
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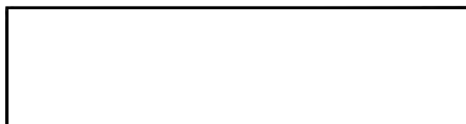
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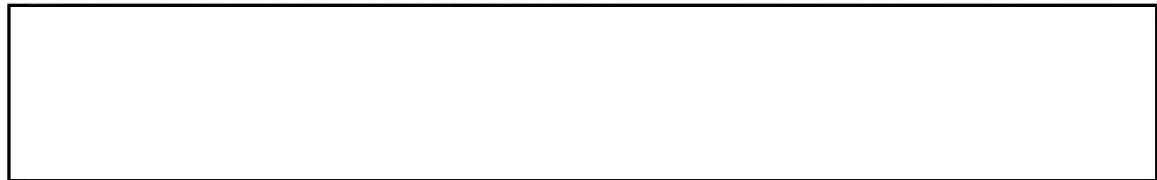
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The military situation along the east bank of the Mekong River has improved considerably over the past twenty-four hours, increasing the likelihood of a safe transit for the supply convoy, now scheduled to depart Tan Chau at 0600 hours on 6 May. Government commanders report a sharp drop in enemy activity near Neak Luong, which has permitted the arrival of reinforcements and supplies. Some of these fresh troops are moving north in an effort to occupy positions near Banam. In addition, government forces launched an attack on 5 May to reopen Route 1.

No resistance has been reported during the first hours of the attack. Should Route 1 be secured, it would add measurably to the recent improvement in the government's overall position along the Mekong River. The army is also preparing to kick off a multi-battalion offensive, stiffened by armored units, to reopen Route 5 beginning at 0600 tomorrow. South of the capital at Takeo, government troops have succeeded in expanding their defense perimeter to some degree despite continued shelling and probing attacks.

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